

REMARKS

The following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2004. In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with examination of the application on the merits, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Restriction Requirement

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action, Applicants hereby elect the continuing prosecution of at least Species A as recited in claims 1 – 3, and shown in Figure 1, without traverse. However, Applicants will point out that it is believed that claims 1 – 3 are all generic to Species A, C, L and N, wherein Species C is shown in Figure 3, Species L in Figure 12 and Species N in Figure 14. Applicants understand that the non-elected species, as recited in the non-elected claims are hereby withdrawn from further consideration in this application. At least with respect to Species C, L and N, it is understood that upon the allowance of at least one generic claim, all the species that come within the scope of such generic claim will be brought back into and allowed in the current application. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected inventions.

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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